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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please replace Table 1, on page 28, beginning at line 11, with the following amended Table*

1.

~~(Table 1)~~

~~#1 Whole blood (peripheral blood)~~

~~#2 Sample 1~~

~~#3 Sample 2~~

~~#4 Sample 3~~

~~#5 Platelet count~~

(Table 1)

	Whole blood (peripheral blood)	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
Platelet count	19.5	1	31.7	12.8

*Please replace Table 2, on page 32, beginning at line 10, with the following amended Table*

2.

~~(Table 2)~~

~~#1 Blood platelets~~

~~#2 White blood cells~~

~~#3 Red blood cells~~

~~#4 Volume of entire blood occupied by supernatant (%)~~

~~#5 Control (blood)\*~~

~~#6 Control (supernatant)\*\*~~

~~#7 Sample 2~~

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~~#8 Sample 3~~

~~#9 Sample 4~~

~~#10 Sample 5~~

~~#11 \* Peripheral blood~~

~~#12 \* Supernatant after red blood cell sedimentation of  
 peripheral blood~~

(Table 2)

	<u>Blood platelets</u>	<u>White blood cells</u>	<u>Red blood cells</u>	<u>Volume of entire blood occupied by supernatant (%)</u>
<u>Control (blood) *</u>	<u>20.7</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>424</u>	
<u>Control (supernatant) **</u>	<u>45.1</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>11.2</u>
<u>Sample 2</u>	<u>44.6</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11.4</u>
<u>Sample 3</u>	<u>47.5</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14.3</u>
<u>Sample 4</u>	<u>37.0</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>48.9</u>
<u>Sample 5</u>	<u>38.6</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>50</u>

\* Peripheral blood

\*\* Supernatant after red blood cell sedimentation of peripheral  
 blood